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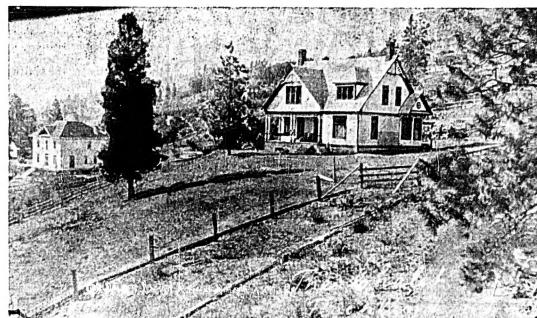
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## The Work of the Mistress of Government House, Edmonton, as an Amateur Photographer



His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Bulyea behind "Axtell and Axtell."

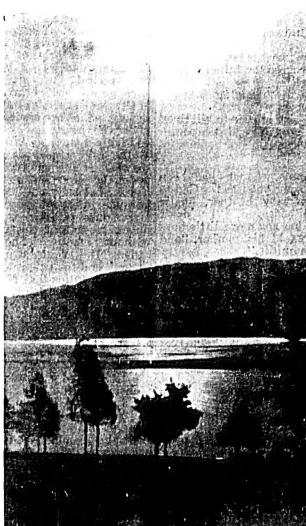


The Chalet, the Lieutenant-Governor's Summer Home on Okanagan Lake.

### NOTE AND COMMENT

credit. But another term of office under such conditions would have been full of danger.

These were the considerations which led The Saturday News in the bye-election, which took place a little over two years ago, in Gleichen, to do what lay in its power to bring about the return of the Conservative candidate, Mr. Walsh; and it is because of them that it now welcomes very heartily the fact that in the Legislature just elected, the Province is to have the benefit of the services of Mr. R. B. Bennett. There has been a great deal about Mr. Bennett's career as a public man that we cannot admire, but if this we are certain that there is no Conservative in Alberta who possesses a greater measure of ability, and that, with the general verdict throughout the Province as it was, it is a cause for congratulation that he will have a place in the House. He has an opportunity which has come to few Canadian public men to make a great personal reputation and to build up his party for provincial purposes along those lines, which will make it a strong influence in the cause of intelligent and honest government. The fact that he will have so few supporters will make little difference. So far as determining the result of a division in the Legislature, three or four supporters are as effective as four times the number, while being "the whole works" himself, there is no danger of anyone robbing him of any of the prestige which comes the way of the Opposition.



Moonlight on Okanagan Lake

Monday's election showed clearly that the average man had no fault to find with the Government. It left itself in the hands of those who were not strong politicians, but who wanted above everything else to see the Province go ahead. This description applies to the mass of the electorate. The attitude of the person who viewed the campaign with out prejudice could not have been better stated than it was a few days before the election by a strong Conservative newspaper the Vancouver Province. It is well worth reproducing in full.

"It is scarcely to be wondered at," said the Province, "that the people of Alberta are apathetic in regard to the provincial elections, the nominations for which will be held yesterday. It is little more than four months ago that the federal contest took place and the excitement of that election was sufficient to satisfy all reasonable men for some time to come. The citizens of Alberta are just now chiefly occupied with their private affairs and will perhaps rightly enough consider that they have done their duty sufficiently when they go to the polls and record their votes."

"Besides the Rutherford government has certainly given the province good administration. The ministers have been manifestly solicitous for the public welfare while in office; they accomplished many and useful developments; they have carefully husbanded the revenues contributed by the people and they have taken the lead in all movements for the general advantage.

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their direction and no charges of any serious nature can be made against their election of affairs. Why then should the people dispense with their services and accept those of men who are untried and who may be unfit or at least less competent? That would be carrying attachment to party names to an unreasonable length."

"The opposition, so far, is apparently divided and is without a leader. That in itself should and no doubt will determine the matter with the electors."

"British Columbia has no particular interest in the local politics of Alberta, but it would be impossible not to entertain a kindly interest in the progress of the federal government which did so much to advance the interests of both provinces by electing and directing public sentiment in the matter of the Pacific route for Western wheat. No doubt the same spirit would be shown by the opposition should it be successful at the polls, but, as far as the situation is in a good grasp of the situation and has given substantial evidence of its sincere desire to promote this movement."

"Of the Ministers, Hon. Mr. Cushing, of course, had the hardest fight and his return at the head of the poll in Calgary did honor to the electorate of that city. It is to be hoped that we never again hear so strongly sectional an appeal in Alberta as that which was made to defeat him. The result throughout the south country as a whole shows that it was an ineffective as it was discreditable to those making it."

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the large Conservative majority given in his riding in the Dominion elections, many expected his defeat. His triumph should serve to discourage those who are tempted in the future to resort to the tactics used against him."

In Strathcona the Premier's return was a foregone conclusion. Among his most enthusiastic supporters were leading Conservatives, while in the country demonstrated that Mr. Sheppard's ideas were shared by but a small proportion of the farmers. In Clover Bar, for instance, he received but four votes to forty-six from the Premier. The returns at hand show that the vote in the constituency as a whole stood in the proportion of about six to one. To the Saturday News it appears a pity that the farmers of the Province are not more largely represented in the Legislature and that the parties make a great mistake in not choosing a larger proportion of those engaged in agriculture as their candidates. But, like every other class movement, an appeal to vote for a farmer, simply because he is a farmer, deserves discouragement.

In Edmonton the forces that arrayed themselves against Hon. Mr. Cross strengthened his support to such an extent that he stood at the head of the poll with 3274 votes. Mr. McDougall being second with 2891. Mr. Ewing's vote was 1590 and Mr. Galbraith's 315. The winning candidate thoroughly deserved the victory. Mr. Ewing had an uphill task from the start, taking the Conservative nomination in the face of what appeared certain defeat and after it had been declined by several

others who had been to the fore in the past. The fight he made was a plucky one and he comes out of it with his personal reputation largely enhanced. The Conservatives couldn't have found a better candidate.

Of the new members of the House, many are unknown quantities. But it is certain that the general character of the assembly will be very much improved. That the sessions will be of much greater interest with men among the members who possess such reputations as speakers as do Mr. Bennett, Mr. Marshall and Mr. George P. Smith of Camrose goes without saying. Two of the new representatives from whom much is expected are Mr. W. A. Buchanan of Lethbridge, who had a majority of seventy and in a hard, three-cornered fight and Dr. Warnock of Pincher Creek.

The prospect of at least four years of freedom from political campaigns is one that every Albertan will welcome. Elections are a necessary evil. They engender much bitterness and make it more difficult for citizens to work together for the building up of the great heritage that it has fallen to our lot to determine the future of. Not that the contest just over was responsible for an unusual amount of bad blood. In fact there have been few in which there has been less. But ninety-nine persons out of a hundred are glad that it is all over and that it can be easily forgotten.

In the meanwhile big events are looming ahead on the stage of imperial and world politics. Mr. Asquith's striking announcement that so great had been the progress of Germany in naval construction that England's two power standard was gone and that the question now was the maintenance of the one-power has caused a profound sensation. The action of Australia and New Zealand in offering to come to the aid of the imperial navy has, as was to be expected, immediately resulted in the question of Canada's making a contribution being raised. It looks as if we have come to a parting of the ways. It was impossible for the Dominion, as it grew in wealth and population, to continue to occupy the relation of absolute dependence upon Great Britain in matters of defence. If we are to receive the benefit of the protection afforded by the British navy, we must pay our share of the burden of keeping it up. But if we do so, there has to be a readjustment of our form of government.

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importance of which is not yet apparent from the dispatches received, is that constituted by the introduction of the Payne tariff at Washington, an successor to the Dingley, Wilson, McKinley and other measures that have made fiscal history in the country to the south. The New York Post, than which there is no stronger low-tariff newspaper on the continent, nor one of keener discernment, makes this comment:

"We would not speak as though the work were already done, and a satisfactory tariff enacted by the Republicans. Their labor is all before us, and it will be arduous. Yet the utilization is for much, in such things, and the party's attitude is now substantially right. Great credit is due President Taft for firmly holding Republicans to their pledges. As was said by Judge Parker in his lecture at Princeton, on Saturday, there are signs in the atmosphere that Republicans never intended an honest revision of the tariff, but that cannot be said of Mr. Taft. He has not dissembled; and the sincerity of his purpose is not questioned, even by his opponents."

In this country we have long since ceased to be dependent on tariff legislation at Washington. Our public men used to travel at intervals to the American capital in an endeavor to secure the entrance of Canadian goods on more favorable terms. Our neighbors, however, persisted in building their tariff wall higher and higher, with the result that Canada began to look for its trade in other directions. Having shown its economic independence and prospered under it, the Dominion was content to wait calmly for the country to the south to show signs of returning sanity in such matters and now that it is doing so it is a cause of considerable satisfaction. The lowering of a tariff against our goods on the part of any country must concern us and when the move is made by one which stands in the geographical relation to us that the United States has, it is bound to have a profound effect.

### Young Albertans to the Fore

The request made by the Saturday News that parents should co-operate with it in enabling it to present a series of photos of their baby boys and girls has met with a gratifying response. Our official photographer, Mr. C. M. Burk, has been kept very busy for two weeks back at his studio on Jasper Avenue East in taking the different youthful sitters. Excellent results have been obtained and next week it is proposed to commence the publication of that series in the Mirror. Remember that our offer to have every baby taken free of charge and to have each mother presented with a print is open till Easter. All desiring to take advantage of it should call upon Mr. Burk without delay.

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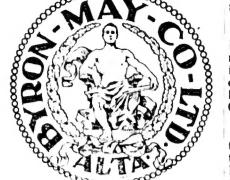
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way he takes a licking. It is, then, that with the first letter that read in the Calgary papers a letter from that distinguished Canadian, Mr. Tommy Burns, to a friend in that city, in which he indulges in some very familiar-sounding talk about being robbed of the championship by the crafty scheming of his opponent. Here is a choice extract:

"I suppose you were disappointed when I lost, but I never mind Jim. I got through. I'm a hundred feet from the police stamp-dit, as Johnson's seconds told the police to stop the fight because my jaw was broken. It wasn't broken, it was only swollen a little."

If Tommy indulges his letter writing propensities too far, Canadians are not to be content to let their friends to the south claim him as an American

The other evening little Harry Smith was in an unusually inquisitive mood when he asked his mother, "Is the old white hen to be sent away for the summer?" "Yes, I think so, Harry. What makes you ask?" was the reply.

"Well, this morning I heard mom tell her now that she was going to take her out for some spins in his atus just as soon as he sent the old hen away for the summer."

"Football!" growled the angry father. "Ugh!"

"But surely," said his friend, "your son won high honors in football at his college."

"He did," asserted the father.

"First he was a quarter-back—"

"Then a halfback—"

"Yes."

"Then a fullback—"

"Yes."

"And now—what is he now?"

"Now," roared the father, "he is a bumbuck!"

She had you singing in your room this morning.

He: Oh, I sing a little to kill time.

She: You have a good weapon.—Boston Transcript.

Little Johnnie, who had been praying for some months for God to send him a baby brother, finally became discouraged. "I don't believe God has any more little boys to send," he told his mother, "and I'm going to quit it."

Early one morning not long after this he was taken into his mother's room to see two boys, who had arrived in the night. Johnnie regarded them thoughtfully for some minutes.

"Gee," he remarked finally, "it's a good thing I stopped praying when I did!"—Everybody's Magazine.

THE SHEEP MAN'S STORY.

From the Denver Republican.  
There's a nestle at the water hole—  
He's drawn in his hooves deep—  
And we must move across the plain—  
Me and three thousand sheep.

For me and Mr. Lester Man—

Talked sassy yesterday—

A conversation in which guns

Had quite a lot to say.

Move on, "a zipper bullet sings,

"Alvin, fast my head;

"I'll stay awhile." "I answered back

In form of moulded lead.

But when night come we quit our talk."

And I set down to think.

And then I knew that I must hunt

Some other place to drink.

I knew the old sheep range was  
down—

I'd lingered there too late;

The homesteader must have his way—

"'Tis in the book of fate.

So when the mornin' broke again

I stung a flag of truce,

And me and Mr. Lester talked

And drank of friendship juice.

He let the sheep band have its fill,

And then I said good-bye,

And trailed the herd, with old Sheep's and—

To some more friendly sky.

Where are we goin' well that's hard

It stamps me I confess;

There ain't no place that welcomes lambs

But old Wall Street, I guess.

—Arthur Chapman.

## Music and Drama.

The Empire bill of attractions has been pleasing large audiences this week. Troupe and O'Brien feature as comedy singers and dancers, handle their act cleverly and gracefully; while the Marathon comedy Four proved to be an excellent quartette. W. S. Kealy, the Whistling Kid; the Bellepois Sisters, Parisian Models; and the Thelma Devreux Co. all presented entertaining acts.

## AT THE EDMONTON OPERA HOUSE

The social event of the season will be the appearance of Miss Jenny Lerouge, the noted singer at the Edmonton Opera House March the 30th. In conjunction with her will appear our noted Edmonton singer, Miss Ethel Webster, and F. Darmont, violinist. The Calgary Herald says of Miss Lerouge, "Miss Jenny Lerouge, a mistress of the piano is in Calgary and gave a very successful concert last night." Miss Lerouge was made heartily welcome in Ottawa last winter by the leading society. She gave a series of recitals under the patronage of Lady Grey and Lady Laurier. After studying at the Lille Conservatory, France, she completed her musical education under the direction of the famous violinist, Mr. Béthoven. Miss Lerouge, although quite young, is a marvellous performer and it is impossible to hear this great artist without emotion. She has been called "The Young Queen of the Piano," and the title is well merited. We may mention that Miss Lerouge has been engaged to give some concerts at various pleasure resorts during the summer but intends returning to Calgary next winter.

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Whether in politics or in anything else, there is nothing that gives you a better measure of a man than the

First Business Man (seated): "Awfully sorry I couldn't dine with you last night, old man, but I was away for the week-end. Come back this morning. Bligged to do it in these strenuous times."

Second B. M.: "Yes, I know. Well, look here, come to-night."

First B. M.: "Can't, old man. Goin' away for the week-end again!" —Punch.

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## ASPIRATIONS.

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Give me the quiet of some hushed glad.

And soft hand-clappings of the friendly trees,  
Then shall my spirit, bur-

geoning in ease,  
And armed with peace, go forth

all unafraid,  
Fresh from its aecade.

So shall I, walking in that lonely place,  
In splendor watch the silent stars go by,

And feel the influence of the tranquil sky,  
Blossom in dreams and hopes,

Until God's face Shall shine there for a space.

The silence of rapt twilights there shall mould

Such stately highways to the glowing west

That I shall pass, like one on holy quest,  
And see the sacred cup, where

Clouds unfold, Wrought of thy beamed gold.

The days shall pass like sober men-at-arms

Who, battles over and their warfare done,

With chin on hand sit

Drowsing in the sun, Dreaming of knightly fields and

old alarms, Now sheltered from war's

hurms.

Then some fair dawn across the lifted hill,

The wind shall call like a gray trumpeter,

And straight my heart leap

up to meet the star,

And something whisper: "If

you would but will,

All things might be yours still,"

The wind at dawn still brings

The hope that stirred

The sad-eyed sailor who,

With steadfast brow,

First dared the unknown seas with westering prow,

Then soul leaps to its goal, as

Sees its straight path unblurred,

Keen grows the vision then, the

inward look

That measures gain and bal-

ances each loss.

Then shall the soul accept

No luring dross,

And one small patch of sky

Glossed in the brook

French more than bell or book.

for a week we could all cast aside our masks, tell the absolute truth as to our likes, and preferences, could live as our fancy dictates, be honest as to our affections and friend hips?"

"Enough," said I. "Are you losing your head?"

"But between us, now, "just sup-

posing?"

"Would you cut me to-morrow and

would I ever again trouble myself about you?"

"Would you ruin your husband by

lavish, extravagant dressing for the mere

hobbies of prettily clothed themselves,

if say all other men were sent to

Timbuktu?"

would calling he as much in

veuge and children as much neg-

lect?"

"Would you spend hours arranging

putt and rats to be fashionable, or

would you walk to town with your

hair in a pony tail?"

"Would so many men come forward

"at the earnest solicitation of their

"friends?" or would every, or any,

man covel positions in so-called high

places?"

"Who would go to church, who stay

at home?"

"How many men would acknowledge

"that societies and communions and

"clubs, etc., bored them to

distraction, and all that they wanted

were home and a quiet life?"

"How many who now denounce

"society" would rush in, and how

many who are at present in, would

make for the door?"

"How many who do with those

people who now pain us with their

musical efforts, and bore us with

their deadly dull society?"

"How many yes's that are now no's,

would we utter?"

"Whom would we style "clever,"

and how many men and women in the

the night would go up in a squall?"

"Fashions, monstrosities whence

whence they disappear, and ham bags

of clubs and organizations where go to?"

"Would I be kinder, or emerge a

primitive, selfish beast?"

"Should I insist on living in a smart

neighborhood or stride out for solid

comfort where prices and land were

within my means?"

"In short have you ever considered

how many desirable, sensible, and

charming things one might do, could

and would do, with no real injury

to anyone, yet dare't do, because

idle geese, Mrs. Grundy would

raise a hell, or in other words,

the conventional world of you,

would ask advice, and for business

or social reasons one can't just afford

to to?"

Have you ever considered the

number, whose pride now keeps

them warm, would acknowledge

themselves as much of life and love

and things world-wide? So shall we

probably do unto the one who

yet some day—some to-morrow when

school keeps on, not, when to be a

nine days wonder will not give me

a headache?"

I am going to be a

fool myself, and do as I like,

same as man and woman, healthy,

righteous life? Where be the other

Philistines?"

THE TYRANNY OF SISTERHOOD.

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teresting literary work. As women

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Bumble's apprehensions, while

Charles MUST demand the sympathy

of every eligible young man

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Time: 11 in the morning.

Mrs. Bumble, aged about 40, hand-

some, portly and prosperous is

flitting with a tiny duster at some

Crown Derby and Severs.

Telephone rings.

"Well, dear. There's that bother-

some phone. I suppose I must

answer it."

"Trails slowly into hall and replies

crossly: "Well, No, I don't know

I don't know where he is. You'll

ring up again? VERY well...

"Turns to her daughter: "It's

horrid Bumble girl. I recognize her

voice. The effrontery of her DAR-

ING to call up my brother Charles,

and in my house too. She knows I

can't bear her. Really the girls

now-a-days. It seems to me they

are all the same. They're so rushing.

"I'll not mention it to Charles when he comes down

through.

Enter Charles languidly. He is

about 30, and is tall, elegant and

good-looking. He carries a bundle

of magazines under his arm. From

the depth of an arm chair he pro-

ceeds to listlessly turn over the

pages of the Scientific American.

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## Jasper's Note Book

A Weekly Tale  
of  
Two Cities

The sign "Alberta and Great Waterways Railway" over an office building on Jasper Avenue makes us realize that what has been a long-cherished dream is soon to become an actuality. Possibly even Mr. Bennett, after he attends a few sessions of the Legislature in Edmonton, will come to appreciate the significance not only to this city but to the whole of Alberta of the opening up of the great north country. What has been written about it applies mostly to the territory along the great streams. This fact gives additional interest to a report which Mr. H. A. Conroy, the treaty commissioner, has just published telling of a 200 mile trian inland which he made to Wakakus Lake and River, that is into the country lying between the Peace River and Edmonton.

"Instead," he says, "of the long stretches of muskegs which we had expected, we found the country to be of the very best, four-fifths of it fit for agriculture, and with many patches of good timber, chiefly along the river bluffs. It is certainly the greatest hay country I ever saw. We went through miles of it on horseback, where the hay, as fine 'blue joint,' swept our faces as we passed. It was over 6,000 feet, seven feet high with a dense accumulation of cured grass at the bottom. I dug about six feet into the soil to test its quality and found that there was no soil. It was just successive layers of decomposed vegetation running down into loose raw mud. The whole country is, I think, 6,000 and six miles long, with high sloping banks, and miles and miles of poplar wood groves in the finest of soil. The lakes, I may mention, are full of excellent fish. On the Wakakus 'mountains', as the natives call them, although they are in reality nothing more than a watershed, there is a great variety of timber, very good spruce. There is no better country than this for mixed farming in all the Canadian North West. It is 200 miles north of Edmonton, but still very far south of Fort Vermilion, on the Peace River, where the Hudson Bay Company has erected a modern flour mill. At Lake Wakakus this summer saw fine timates red-ripe on the vines.

Edmonton people who had the good fortune to meet Inspector Pelletier and his detachment of Mounted Police before they started out from the city last May on their hazardous trip through the unknown north have been intensely interested in the reports which the Winnipeg newspapers have published giving some of the details. To appreciate what an undertaking it was, it is necessary to get down a map and follow their route. They travelled by "the great waterways" to Great Slave Lake and then east by way of Baker Lake to Chesterfield Inlet, back over a part of the route and on to Cape Fullerton, finally reaching Fort Churchill. One of the company met his death, Sergt. Fullerton, who, while out in a dugout near Cape Fullerton, was attacked by a herd of walruses and killed. When Inspector Pelletier's report is issued by the Government, it will prove about as interesting a blue-book as there is on record. A statement of the truth about Canada, as furnished by the Mounted Police in plain, unvarnished fashion, makes much better reading than all the productions of "Canada fakers." It is understood that Inspector Pelletier and his men made large discoveries of mineral wealth, which should make Alberta more anxious than ever to get into easy touch with the hinterland.

A well-known accountant, Mr. Kensi, by name, is writing a series of papers for the Monetary Times on municipal accounts which should have a good effect. He lays emphasis on a point that I have brought out from time to time in this department. Anyone who has studied municipal affairs must realize how strong the tendency is in connection with municipal ownership to overlook or under-estimate the fact of depreciation in determining whether a plant pays or not. Everyone connected with the city administration wants to make a good showing. Certain figures are announced, which show a large profit, the papers come out with big headings

and the average citizen exclaims that it is a great thing for a city to own the great utilities. We all know how this goes in Edmonton, but Mr. Kensi uses this city as an illustration, quoting the auditor's report for 1908 as follows:

"The decision of the council not to make depreciation to the revenues of the department has had considerable effect upon the results for the financial period just closed. The revenue accounts show surpluses as follows:

Light: Surplus for 1908 \$3,117.32  
Water: Net surplus at date \$2,111.48  
Telephone: Net surplus to date \$7,913.68

"If depreciation had been charged to the revenue the result of the working would have been a considerable loss in each department, as follows:

Light - \$4,136.25  
Water - \$13,660.90  
Telephone - \$1,460.19

These last figures convey a vastly different idea to the minds of the ratepayers than those published in the newspapers do.

And why shouldn't depreciation be considered? Every private corporation makes a big allowance for it and in the case of a municipality, where there is what amounts to a complete change of management every year or so, with new ideas being introduced and old ones discarded, it is a bigger factor still. Depreciation, it should be remembered, means more than actual wear and tear. Mr. Kensi goes on to say:

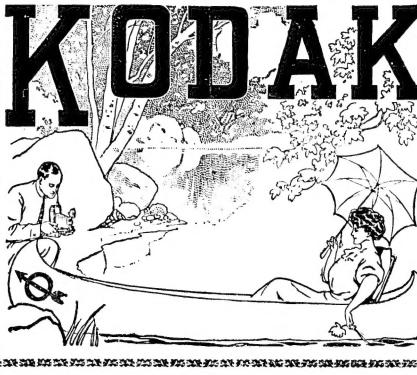
"The period for which the loans or debentures are issued is a matter of considerable importance, and it is equally necessary to know on what class of undertaking each loan has been spent. The average life of a plant and machinery is so different for various purposes that without knowledge it cannot be judged whether the life of a plant is equivalent to the length of a loan, or whether it is advisable or necessary to provide an additional fund for renewals, anticipation, etc., in order to avoid the issue of overlapping loans.

"For instance, with respect to loans for electrical undertakings, it is not so much a question of 'FOR WHICH THE PLANT COULD BE USED AS THE LENGTH OF TIME FOR WHICH IT CAN BE ECONOMICALLY USED.' A small municipality may start with, say, two engines of 50 horsepower each. In two or three years they have to put in additional engines of 100 or 200 horsepower, and in another six years further engines of 250 or 300 horsepower. In the meantime the size of the town and the load to be supplied has so increased that it no longer pays to operate the small units at all, because the larger and more efficient engines can be fully loaded, but the original loan has been amortized over a period of years, perhaps considerably more than the interest and sinking fund must continue to be paid concurrently on several loans covering to a large extent the same purpose, and the undertaking becomes swamped with the capital charges which often very considerably exceed the operating costs.

"It would be too strongly insisted upon in the case of growing towns the question of anticipation or supercession of the plant is of considerably more vital importance than its life; it is more often sold at a loss or 'scrapped,' because it has become inadequate to the requirements while still comparatively new."

I make this lengthy quotation because, as everyone must recognize, it has particular application to the case of Edmonton. There is absolutely no object to be gained by letting the citizens think that their public utilities are showing better results than they actually are.

It is to be hoped there will be no delay in reaching a decision regarding the bridge project. The question has been trifled with altogether too long. Whether the C. P. R. comes in or not, the two cities should go on with their plans for a separate structure. The estimates submitted



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why negotiations for the construction of a traffic deck on the railway bridge were ever entered into. If they are correct, we can have a much more satisfactory structure, solely for general traffic purposes, at a cost to the public practically the same as would have been contributed to the C. P. R. scheme. Every month that goes by under present conditions increases the peril and inconvenience under which inter-urban traffic is carried on and the situation is one that calls for the speediest action. If the city authorities don't know what is the best line to proceed on by this time after so many years of talk, they are in a bad way.

There is another civic matter which stands in a different position. I refer to the question of the site for the new civic hospital. Till a few weeks ago it was generally understood that it would go up out at Nineteenth street on the property purchased some years ago for the purpose. Then an agitation arose against that site and all sorts of dire threats were made about what would happen in case the board adhered to its intention. These were evidently too much for the members of that body, and they began to talk about selling the site.

Then, it seems, a proposition was made to place the structure over on the University grounds in Strathcona, with the object of having it become a great Provincial hospital in connection with a medical faculty, which will undoubtedly spring into existence some time in many years hence. Some favored going on with this project immediately, others having temporary improvements made to the facilities on this side of the river with the object of going on with the bigger scheme when the time was ripe. How far these ideas went the general public is not sure. It is known, however, that the hospital board were again pounced down upon and told that if they yielded to the new suggestion certain parties, considered influential, wouldn't have anything to do with the institution in the future. At any rate now they are considering a site somewhere up in the Lake Louise Reserve, north of the C. N. R. track.

But before definite decision is reached would it be well for those who have formed the different propositions to place their views fully before the citizens, so that they may have an opportunity of considering the claims of each, would par-

ticularly the medical men, who should be in the best position to afford guidance in the matter. During the past week some of them have issued a formal statement, but it was nothing more. It merely lets us know what they thought, not why they reached the conclusion that they did. At the same time, in order to hold our views should also take the people into their confidence.

Some of those who have taken

the stand against the Strathcona proposal are trying to work on local prejudice. "The idea," they exclaim, "of putting the building in another town and leaving Edmonton to a 'dead' town is a most abominable idea of a town of our date." With high level connection and adequate street car service, the two cities must become one and it is on the Strathcona side that the best sites for public buildings will be found, for reasons which have been set forth before.

Undoubtedly there is

the desire to have the new hospital advantage of being closer to the centre of population outweighs that of attractive surroundings. Also there is the problem as to what would be gained by being in close touch with a medical faculty. But let us discuss those on their merits. Don't let us talk about Edmonton and Strathcona, or about east or west or north ends, as if certain locations should be supported apart

from the general advantages which second as to make distinction difficult.

Knight and Benson have a new array of songs and the way they are rendered, immediately places them among the good ones. Miss Benson's singing is so beautifully clear, as to make her hosts of friends, and it is safe to say that she will be heard of later.

The balance of the bill is exceptionally good, the new song catches nicely and the motion pictures funny.

The Empire Orchestra has a very pretty overture in "Oberon" by Weber and it is sufficient to say, that if it is as good as its predecessors, it will meet the hearty approval of the audience.

Altogether the bill is a most attractive one, and should make a new record for attendance at our popular playhouse.

### Royal Arcanum

#### NEXT WEEK AT THE EMPIRE

For the week of March 29th, Manager Kyle has provided a list of attractions that will eclipse anything as yet offered at what is now Edmonton's favorite play-house. The Calgary criticism of next week's bill, is as follows:

That Manager Kyle has fulfilled his promise to give the vaudeville lovers of Calgary the best that is obtainable, was the unanimous verdict of those who were fortunate enough to get seats last night. The capacity audience as they filed in gave many expressions of delight and it is safe to say that this week will see the Empire crowded at each performance. It is hard to pick the headline attraction as all the acts are so good, and draw round after round of applause. The Sharrocks, a clever pair, are seen in "Nonsense and Second Sight." Their act is undoubtedly one of the most extraordinary on the vaudeville scene, and depends entirely upon the originality and cleverness of the pair. Their act ascends from the ridiculous to a high state of sublimity, and wins many admirers.

Rivalling the headliners are Carrico and Dalmage, in one of the most pleasing musical turns ever seen in Calgary. Miss Carrico, who is a Juno in physical charms, made a robust "Buster," while Miss Dalmage, who is demure and piquant, cried for her doll as if she really meant it. The neatness of the costumes, the enjoyable singing and fine appearance of the young ladies, won them worlds of applause which was truly deserved.

One of the most pleasing acts that has been seen here is that of the Travoliols. They are billied as hoop rollers-extraordinary and they certainly fill the bill. Their juggling and hoop rolling shows the result of constant practice, and the high state of perfection a clever pair can reach. Mr. Travoliol's work with opera hats is particularly clever while his partner is such a close

On Monday night last, in the Mechanics Hall, Third street, a most enthusiastic institutional meeting was held of Edmonton Council, No. 949 of the Royal Arcanum Fraternal Benefit Society. The charter list, which included the names of thirty new members and seven old members from the eastern provinces and the States, was closed in due form.

The following officers of the new council were duly elected:

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Bro. P. Charlebois, Vice-Regent  
Bro. J. C. Wolf, Orator  
Bro. J. A. Dow, Past Regent  
Bro. J. B. Mackay, Secretary  
Bro. C. M. Hudson, Collector  
Bro. E. P. Newson, Treasurer  
Bro. T. Pease, Chaplain  
Bro. H. P. Burrell, Guide  
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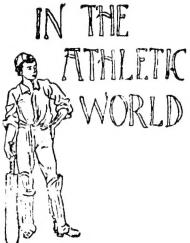
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betterment shall the 'v' gain from his 'fanning'? Our essayist gives also a prodigious table of expenditures on sports, which works out at about ten dollars a head for every man, woman and child. But besides being purely modern, three-quarters of this extravagance must be credited to a very small wealthy class, and a good deal of the remainder to the well to do.

The first eight items in his list, hunting, racing, yachting, shooting, fishing, coursing, coaching and polo, have nothing to do with the great bulk of the population. Moreover, this expenditure is by no means entirely British; it includes very large contributions from Americans, Russians, French, and other foreigners, who have adopted Great Britain as the world's fashionable playground de luxe. A good deal of the money given to rowing, cricket and football comes from the universities and upper class schools. To speak of an 'almost universal participation' of the contemporary islanders in these diversions is in truth sadly ironical. One may ask, too, what 'moral schooling' what 'tempering of the mind and will,' some of the costliest of these sports afford to nine-tenths of even the limited set who maintain them—horse racing, for instance, or coursing, or Cowes yachting? 'Battine' shooting again seems less likely to produce such results than the stoking of an engine might be.

This view obstinately puts the cart before the horse. The English are characterized by animal vigor and a strong sense of law and order. Their country was the first to be industrialized, and so spoiled for natural sport. In these circumstances their vigor and sense of law and order expressed themselves in organizing as a pisailler and in codifying, so to speak, artificial games and sports. Hence their contemporary eminence; they have been the pioneers of artificial games and sports. As other parts of the world have become similarly industrialized and cramped they have adopted these hygienic remedies the more readily because the leisureed country living gentry of England have conferred on them an attractive social prestige serving as a powerful advertisement."

"It has been stated," he points out, "by a native writer that history will adjudge England's principal contribution to civilization to be not representative government, trial by jury, freedom of the press or literature, but athletics and sports. This order of ideas seems to betray an excessive preoccupation with the moment. England is undoubtedly at present a fountainhead and large exporter of certain games, which she was the first to organize on an elaborate scale and to provide with solemn codes. She is also to-day a very cosmopolitan centre, resorted to by many nationalities, for such outdoor pursuits as horse racing, polo, coursing, yachting, fox hunting, coaching, and even for fishing and shooting of a 'gilt edged,' fashionable quality, but neither of these facts is of long standing; they scarcely date back half a century. They are contemporarily important and impressive; but what can they have to do with the formation of English character, which had its broad outline stamped upon it some five centuries ago, before any of these now conspicuous games or sports existed?"

"No doubt the people exercised themselves out of doors informally from early times as the shepherd boasts of himself in Barclay's 'Elegiacs,' published in 1568: 'I runne, I wrestle, I can well throw the barre; No shepherd throweth the axle; If I were merry, I could well leap and spring; I were a man or mete to serve a prince or king.'

"The village green was acquainted with such lusty diversions: others followed the chase and others twanged the bow. But there is nothing to prove that the English originally paid any more attention to natural outdoor pursuits than other European people did; the Germans or Danes for instance; nothing to support the contention that English games have played any distinctive part from far back in history in 'tempering the will and mind' of the people. That idea would appear to be an anachronism caused by the contemporary international prominence of those games."

"It may be remarked that even at present in England herself these sports and games have much more restricted role than is sometimes asserted and that perhaps might be inferred from their importance in international relations. The writer in Scribner's reckons that on certain days in the high flood of the season one person in every twenty-seven among adult males attends a football game. He bases his estimate on gate receipts; but as players do not pay it refers only to 'fans'—and what moral or physical

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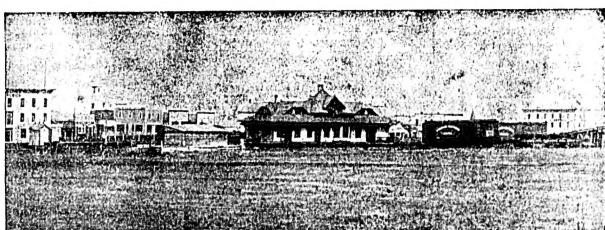
Already an additional railway, a branch of the C.N.R., is scheduled to run north from this growing town and construction is to begin almost immediately. In addition there is under consideration the building of a further line running south to Wainwright, and its actual construction is only a matter of time.

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## The Alberta Way

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It has been the object, during its three years of existence, of the Alberta Government to cultivate an Alberta Way, trying to deal out even-handed justice to all old-timers and new-comers alike irrespective of creed, race, religion or any other diversity. Now this phase "The Alberta Way" contains world of meaning and is capable of manifold interpretations; but the one we know it is intended to mean is that Alberta ans do, and will, we hope, continue to take the shortest cut to attain to any method of procedure or legislation that will redound to the credit and immediate benefit of all who live within the borders of Alberta or inside the Dominion of Canada.

This is a great thing, the immediate benefit of which can hardly be realized by a casual glance or thought, to have acquired a banner which is also a star to work up to, set brilliantly before us at the commencement of our career. A name was needed in a new Province, just starting afresh to grapple with problems of by-gone centuries, but not so much a name was needed as a policy with a name that could be held aloft as a guide to our faltering footsteps as we struggle upwards. The Alberta Way, comprehensively thought out, is an ideal with a substance that we can work up to, the greatest good to the greatest number in the shortest time possible.

Whether we will or not shoals of humanity from all climes, races of different creeds, and individuals of all sorts will drift within our borders. Our object and duty, as well as our best policy should be to assimilate the best of all that comes to us and weld it into the Alberta Way.

Most civilized countries through travel and intercourse, as well as by the help of literature, are coming to understand each other better and the best men and women of all these countries are working towards a common goal to the betterment of the lot of humanity. Therefore, though we receive a heterogeneous mass of humanity, if we have an ideal, a set policy, a motto that impersonates our ideal for the best of the people to fall in line with, and help to work up to, then as soon as they grasp the policy they are falling into position along with us and are a constant source of gathering strength.

### CULTIVATING A COMMON PRIDE

As there are not any two of us old residents alike, and as there are not any two of those coming into the country alike, it behoves us to have a policy or a creed that leads to a common goal, that will keep us all working along in the same direction.

The success of the result will lead us into cultivating a pride in our own way that will form amongst us a discipline, that will compel those coming along later also to fall into the ranks and march onward in the progress of humanity in the Alberta Way.

Unconsciously the emigrant from the Old Country may be a pessimist in his way, moulded by the circumstances that surrounded him. A change in conditions alters the individual bodily and mentally, so whilst he is transforming from the chrysalis into the full blown butterfly, or from the grub stage into the working bee, he should create such conditions that our new found unity should awake in an atmosphere redolent with "the spirit of the hive," the Alberta way leading on and ever upward to a more perfect state for humanity as a whole while residing on this earth.

The responsibility as to the future of this great Province is immense and lies heavily upon our shoulders, but the more the weight is distributed the less the burden falls upon all and the greater the result. Great bodies move slowly, the greater the body the more slowly would it be inclined to move. Thus a false step taken now may multiply in intensity as our body grows larger, and to retrace our steps when wrong will be more difficult as we add each unit to the mass.

**A BREADTH OF VIEW NEEDED**  
To realize our ideal of the Alberta Way we shall have to rely upon the good sense and judgment of the broad-minded men and women in each creed or mode of thought;

and the more the public really mixed in affairs that were for their own good the less we will be politics, as at present conducted, be it known, good government is ever present with less need for opposing parties wasting each other's time and retarding the progress of the nation. The weakening of party differences or opposition in Alberta should mean, and does mean, a good government advancing hand in hand with the people, placing in the latter the highest place in the land to advance the interest of all to organize and regulate the machine, then to steer the front wheels of this machine towards progress and prosperity along the Alberta Way.

To attain this we must all take part, and as we do our little piece and then turn round, and look to see that others have done their small share, then the machine will have been unconsciously accomplished, the good government of this or any other country depends upon the people of the country. If our government is in disgrace to us then we are in disgrace to any country we live in to acquire such conditions. If our government is in disgrace because this government is a part of ourselves and we a part of the government. If we have a government to condemn then we are as much to blame as the government we condemn.

The Alberta Way will be for each and all of us to do our part, however little, in advancing upon the right road in every line of life that reads itself, raising our standards and ideals, and working for the common good. Removing the boulders from the paths of others as well as clearing away from our own foot steps and building up a country with a future that shall be an inheritance for coming generations to take a keen pride therein and try to emulate. When our children ask us why we do this, why this is done and why that is done the strangers conceding that this is good and that is good, it will be sufficient for these young ones to simply state it is the Alberta Way.

### HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO LIVE IN RUSSIA?

Light upon the Russian secret police organization is thrown by a diary kept by Gen. Novitsky, who sat in the centre of a vast police web in Kieff. Parts of this diary he has permitted certain newspaper men to read. A most interesting extract relates the following:

In 1903 the Terrorists, in conclave, condemned Gen. Bogdanovitch, Governor of Ufa, to die, and a certain Gershuny, one of the most daring and resourceful of the brotherhood, was selected to execute the sentence. Gershuny was then residing at Kieff, with the family of a tailor, who together with his daughter was apparently a fanatical member of the revolutionary organization. In reality the tailor and his daughter were the loyal agents of the secret police.

Late one night the daughter of the tailor was ushered into the study of the chief of police. She handed him a copy of the death sentence against Gen. Bogdanovitch and a description of the means by which Gershuny had instructed his colleagues to carry it out.

Gen. Novitsky rubbed his hands with glee. Without losing a moment he despatched a telegram to M. de Pleshve, Minister of the Interior, accordingly set up arranging his plan of campaign. Time passed and no answer came.

"Now for the first time," says the diary, "a suspicion darted through my brain about a grudge borne by M. de Pleshve against Gen. Bogdanovitch."

"At last a telegraphic reply was handed me. It was ten o'clock in the forenoon. The telegram ran: 'Undertake nothing hurriedly.'

Gen. Novitsky, using the sharp eyes of the tailor and the tailor's daughter, watched the Terrorists as a cat watches a mouse and forwarded exhaustive accounts of their goings on to M. de Pleshve, but no answer came.

Three days before the date fixed for the crime Gen. Novitsky telephoned to M. de Pleshve that the Terrorists had started for Ufa. The four assassins, however, reached Ufa in safety, and on the day fixed they waylaid the Governor, Gen. Bogdanovitch, in a secluded alley of a public garden, killed their victim and retired unmolested.

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The magic results of an incident at a Montreal dinner party in the early days

More than sixty years ago there came to Montreal a gentleman named Robert F. Sweeney. He was from the North of Ireland was well educated, bright and intelligent and an accomplished athlete. He joined a fashionable club and took much interest in public affairs. As an after-dinner speaker he had few equals, his sparkling native wit and skillful repartee were greatly enjoyed by those who were privileged to listen to them. His style of living indicated that he was a man of some means. It was known that he was the recipient of unusual remittances from home, and those who knew said his family were among the best people in Ireland.

One day a misunderstanding arose between two officers at the barracks, where there were quartered a regiment of Welsh Fusiliers. It was decided that they should fight a duel. The details Sweeney showed an intimate knowledge of dueling, and it was then told for the first time that he had been a principal in two affairs of the kind in Ireland, in one of which he had seriously wounded his adversary, and that to that misadventure had been his presence in Canada. The affair at the barracks was arranged after an exchange of shots in which neither of the duelists were injured.

About this time there arrived in Montreal a young American lady from Vermont. She was visiting a married sister in Montreal, and her beauty, vivacity and grace drew admiration from all who saw her. She was very into the society. At the barracks she was an especial favorite, and at dinners her name was frequently the subject of a toast. Among those who fell at her feet was one Major Ward, a handsome and dashing young officer of the Fusiliers, who was said to be the heir to a baronetcy. Sweeney, too, was much interested in the young lady, and for a brief period there was a sharp rivalry. It was understood that both gentlemen proposed for the lady's hand and that after taking a little time to consider she had chosen Sweeney. Ward accepted his defeat with apparent good grace and although his complexion could not be described as disengaged had entered deeply into his soul, he assumed a gay and debonair air, which all who knew him could see was not natural.

In due course Sweeney led his bride to the altar, and after the wedding tour they came to Montreal to reside, the husband having accepted a government position. A series of social dinners were arranged by the pair. At the second of these affairs an event transpired that those present never forgot to their dying day.

Mrs. Sweeney was in her best form. She was exquisitely gown in rich pink and wore on her head and bosom costly gems on rare brilliants. She was more than a match for any bride. Her example was infectious and the company inspired by the good nature of their hostess, were in the midst of an hilarious storm of applause, which had been called forth by a pleasant remark from the host, when the butler, who had been called to the door by a housemaid, returned with a note in his hand. The butler had to be dismissed. She little anticipating the scene which would follow excused herself to the ladies and gentlemen sitting near, and opened the missive. As she read her color was observed to change. She looked towards her husband with a terrified gaze and half rose from her chair, then, recovering herself, she shut her eyes in her bosom, and endeavored to conceal her emotion, chattering gaily meanwhile.

But the incident had not escaped the attention of Sweeney. He had seen the passage of the note and noticed his wife's confusion. His deep black eyes were fastened on her face, and the color mounted to his ears. He then directed the butler to bring the letter and asked Mrs. Sweeney for the note. She smiled at her husband and shook her head, but one look at his piercing eyes showed her that he would not be denied. So, pale and trembling she drew the note from its hiding place.

Sweeney opened and read it. He turned pale as death. With a muttered oath he leaped from his chair, and with all the impetuosity of his race rushed from the room, leaving the company in a state of excitement and alarm at this extraordinary behavior. Mrs. Sweeney fainted, and while some of the guests sought to soothe her, she had to get their wraps and prepared to leave for their homes. Many were the suggestive looks and words exchanged by the guests who placed the worst construction upon the occurrence.

Sweeney repaid at once to the barracks. His appearance there in a very poor condition, however, must have at least created a feeling of astonishment. He asked for Major Ward, who had just dined. The major, extending his hand, came forward. Sweeney took no notice of the proffered hand, and

in a loud voice produced the note that had been handed to his wife.

"Did you send that?" he asked. Ward glanced at the enraged Sweeney and then looking at the enraged Sweeney calmly replied:

"I did not." "But it is in your handwriting. The signature is yours, for I know it well."

"I did not write it, nor did I send it," said Ward.

"Then who did?" persisted Sweeney, vehemently.

"I cannot tell," said Ward, "without breaking confidence."

"You don't believe me," roared Sweeney, "You wrote it and sent it and are afraid to acknowledge your guilt."

"Have a care, Sweeney," said Ward, as his color heightened, "you must apologize for that or fight!"

"Then, by G—, I'll fight."

All that occurred in the presence of several officers and two or three officers who had been drawn to the room by the sound of the voices.

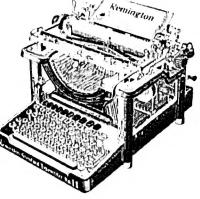
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